

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the above amendment before considering this Rule 1.53(b) divisional patent application. The present divisional application is directed towards the previously unelected Group II, Claims 21-37 and 46-49, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 105, per the October 18, 2002 Restriction Requirement and the December 31, 2002 Office Action of Application No. 10/109,143.

Claims 1-20 and 38-45 have been canceled without prejudice. New Claims 21-37 and 46-49 have been added.

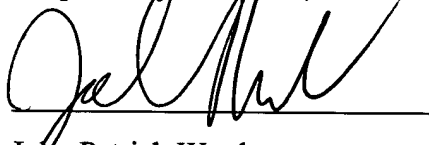
The specification has been amended on page 2 to include information of the related parent application.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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